

TOWN OF CUSHING  
BOARD OF  
SELECTMEN

Minutes of Meeting

September 25, 2017  
Cushing Community Center

**Selectmen Present:** Chair Alton Grover, Martha Marchut, Dan Staples, Laurie Haynes, Heidi Alley

**Selectmen Absent:** none

**Staff Present:** Kate Hoyt, Deputy Municipal Clerk

**Public Present:** t.r.jackson, Claus S. Metzner, and Kristi Niedermann, Cushing taxpayers

**1. Call to Order:** Chair Alton Grover called the meeting to order at 6:04 P.M.

**2. Pledge of Allegiance** was recited.

**3. Approve and Sign the Warrant:**

**ACTION:** Selectman Dan Staples made a motion, seconded by Selectman Laurie Haynes, to approve Warrants 40 and 41.

**Motion Carried 5-0-0**

**4. Approve Minutes of the 09/11/17 Meeting:**

**ACTION:** Martha Marchut made a motion, seconded by Selectman Laurie Haynes, to approve the Minutes of the 09/11/17 meeting with corrections.

**Discussion:** Martha Marchut and Laurie Haynes recommended several corrections.

**Motion Carried 5-0-0**

**5. Additions and Changes to the Agenda:**

**5a. Accepting the Changes to the GAO Discussed at the Public Hearing that Preceded This Meeting**

**ACTION:** Martha Marchut motioned, and Laurie Haynes seconded, to accept the changes to the General Assistance Ordinance that the Selectmen had discussed at the Public Meeting preceding this meeting. (See Title 22 MRSA 4305.)

**Discussion:** none

**Motion Carried 5-0-0**

**5b. New Members Appointed to the Cushing Ordinance Committee**

**ACTION:** Dan Staples motioned, and Laurie Haynes seconded, to appoint Claus Metzner, John Offen, and Patricia Aboud to the Cushing Ordinance Committee.

**Discussion:** Kate Hoyt agreed to email the names of the other two prospective committee members to Claus Metzner, who was in the audience, and to ask Town Clerk Lisa Young to prepare notification paperwork for the three appointees. Selectmen agreed to sign the paperwork as soon as possible.

**Motion Carried 5-0-0**

### **5c. Changing the Date of the Next Meeting of the Board of Selectmen**

**ACTION:** Dan Staples motioned, and Laurie Haynes seconded, to change the date of the next Selectman meeting from Monday, October 9, which is Columbus Day, to Tuesday, October 10.

**Discussion:** none.

**Motion Carried 5-0-0**

### **6. Unfinished Business:**

#### **6a. Good Neighbor Park.**

**ACTION:** none taken

**Discussion:** Kristi Niedermann stated that the Good Neighbor Park Committee had staked out where they want to put a parking lot, and had put in a request to DOT. Alton Grover filled out the paperwork; Crystal Robinson had been part of the discussion. The G. N. Park Committee has a request in to the Cushing Planning Board. Approximately \$4,700.00 has been pledged to support the park, but not all donations had been received by the date of this meeting. Dan Staples asked Kristi Niedermann if the committee knew how much it would cost to put in the parking areas. She said Doug Fales had quoted them \$7,700.00. Dan Staples reminded the group that any expenditure greater than \$1,000.00 needed to be approved by the Board of Selectmen. He said it was hard for the Board to commit to spending money on the park when they didn't know how much was in the account. Alton Grover said that DOT first needed to mark off the area, once they had approved the location. Kristi said the committee was considering installing composting toilets, as these do not need to be pumped out. Alton Grover pointed out that if the toilets are self-contained and don't need to be pumped out, they need not be composting toilets.

#### **6b. Update on the Transfer Station Committee.**

**ACTION:** none taken

**Discussion:** Martha Marchut updated the Selectmen with information about the progress on the Waldoboro Transfer Station Committee and the three-town shared agreement. She indicated that Section 4.6 of the shared agreement talks about money taken in being sent to Waldoboro for the maintenance of the transfer station. The next meeting is Oct. 12, and Martha asked Selectmen to get comments to her before this meeting. Dan Staples commented that Daigle, who runs the transfer station, is an employee of the three-town committee, and yet he sounds like the main voice of the committee. Martha commented that Daigle had been part of the transfer station for a long time, though in the end he realizes he works for the Towns.

#### **6c. Moratorium Regarding Retail Recreational Marijuana**

**ACTION:** Dan Staples made a motion to schedule a Special Town Meeting for October 23rd, immediately preceding the Oct. 23rd meeting of the Board of Selectmen, to present a proposal to place a moratorium on the retail growing and/or selling of marijuana until the 2017 Town Meeting. Laurie Haynes seconded.

**Discussion:** The Selectmen discussed upcoming sessions at the Maine Municipal Association's annual meeting pertaining to the legalization of marijuana for recreational use in Maine. Discussion centered around two topics: (1) How to draft a municipal ordinance prohibiting commercial growing and storage of marijuana in Cushing, to be put before local residents at the 2018 Town Meeting; and (2) How to place a short-term moratorium on retail growing, selling, and storing of marijuana in Cushing, in the meantime. Dan's motion

pertains to the latter. The Selectmen had received word from Town Attorney Kristen Collins that towns ought to supply their own wording of such moratoriums/ordinances. She had some suggestions. Heidi Alley commented that a marijuana shop had recently opened in Waldoboro. Martha Marchut commented that drafting language to present at the Special Town Meeting on the 23<sup>rd</sup> did not require the involvement of an ordinance committee. Kate Hoyt agreed to ask Lisa Young to book a moderator for the special meeting, and to ask Town Clerk Lisa Young to prepare the Warrant for the October 10 meeting.

**Motion Carried 5-0-0**

**7. New Business:** none

**8. Comments from Citizens:** none

**---Executive Session---**

The Select Board entered into Executive Session, pursuant to 1 M.R.S.A. §405(6)(C), acquisition of real property or economic development, at 7:15. A motion was made by Selectman Alton Grover and seconded by Dan Staples, to go into Executive Session.

**Motion Carried 5-0-0**

Alton Grover motioned, and Dan Staples seconded, to enter back into the main meeting at 7:23 p.m.

**---The Selectmen rejoined the main meeting at 7:23 p.m.---**

**No formal action was taken as a result of the Executive Session.**

**9. Adjournment:**

**ACTION:** Selectman Alton Grover made a motion, seconded by Selectman Dan Staples, to adjourn at 7:23 p.m.

**Motion Carried 5-0-0**

Respectfully submitted,

Katherine Hoyt,  
Deputy Municipal Clerk